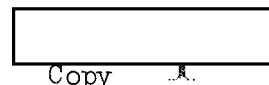


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CLASSIFICATION OF TRAINING AND TEST FILM FROM THE B CAMERA SYSTEM

1. The following information was recently provided by the Deputy Director (Research) to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office:

a. Taking cognizance of the cumulative extent of publicity focused upon the performance capability of the U-2 aircraft in recent years a valid question has been raised as to the security requirement that all U-2 photography, regardless of content, bear a minimum classification of SECRET.

b. Effective immediately this requirement is rescinded and U-2 photography henceforth should bear the security classification warranted by the content of the photography. Photography of nonsensitive targets classified SECRET in the past merely because it was obtained by a U-2 aircraft can be downgraded as appropriate. This change is not intended to affect the special security classification of photography collected under Project IDEALIST nor the procedures established for downgrading such photography.

2. Subsequently the Security Staff, OSA/DDR ruled that training and test film taken by the B camera system of non-sensitive targets can be processed and handled as unclassified materials. Extracted from the paper in which this ruling appeared is the following:

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a. Although authority is granted here to treat this material as unclassified, it still must be borne in mind that this is official government property and the film should not under any circumstances be made available for personal purposes. It will, therefore, be necessary to stamp all such photography with the caveat "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY." It must similarly be borne in mind that this authorization does not relieve the field Detachment Commander from his responsibility to ensure that the product of such photographic training and testing is not observed by unauthorized persons under circumstances wherein our photographic mission should not be disclosed.

3. In the event there are any questions regarding the interpretation of the foregoing, they should be addressed to the TCO, NPIC.

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